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influence to bear on early resolution of questions which might impede ratification or implementation of EDC Treaty.

"6. Failure in negotiations to create European Political Community could jeopardize prospects of French ratification. Nevertheless it may be inadvisable to press for any concrete agreement on European Political Community until unequivocal support of French Cabinet for a treaty based on a strong executive with supranational powers is brought to bear on Quai d'Orsay officials conducting negotiations.

"7. Major obstruction to ratification continuously stressed by French should now be eliminated by agreement of U.S. to provide additional help to French in meeting burden of war in Indo-China. It should be possible in these negotiations to obtain definite commitment from French Government (if advisable expressed in written instrument separate from Indo-China statement) that they will proceed with vote on ratification this fall. French Government should appreciate that U.S. Administration cannot obtain necessary support from Congress in finding later funds for Indo-China if further procrastination by France prevents creation and implementation of a firm European policy. Also a pledge of this sort from French Government, written not oral, would strengthen hand of EDC proponents in Cabinet against any possible later malingering in Quai d'Orsay. BRUCE."

I left tonight on the 8:20 train for Bonn.

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